

USDA FOREST SERVICE
PACK II ROAD DECOMMISSIONING PROJECT DRAFT DECISION NOTICE
POWELL RANGER DISTRICT
IDAHO COUNTY, IDAHO

The Powell District of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests has announced availability of the Pack II Draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact. The purpose of this project is to reduce watershed impacts by decommissioning or storing unused roads in the Pack Creek watershed in the Lower Brushy Fork Watershed approximately 1.5 miles southeast of Lolo Pass in T38N R15E sections 22 and part of section 15. The project would decommission 3.2 miles of system road and place 3.8 miles of system roads into long-term storage. In addition, 19.7 miles of non-system skid trail/log jammer spur roads would be decommissioned. In addition to reducing watershed and aquatic impacts from unneeded roads, this project would also decrease road maintenance expenses by stabilizing or reclaiming roads no longer necessary for land management.

This project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218. Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted written comments specific to the proposed project during scoping or other opportunity for public comment (36 CFR 218.5). The publication date of this legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection (36 CFR 218.6). Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Issues raised in objection must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector, unless the issue is based on new information that arose after the opportunities for comment (36 CFR 218.8 (c)). Incorporation of documents by reference is not allowed, except for exceptions noted in 36 CFR 218.8(b).

At a minimum, an objection must include the following (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) *The objector's name and address, with a telephone number if available;* 2) *signature or other verification of authorship upon request;* 3) *when multiple names are listed on the objection, identification of the lead objector;* 4) *the name of the proposed project, the name and title of the Responsible Official, and the name(s) of the National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented;* 5) *a description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project; how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider and* 6) *a statement that demonstrates the connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportunity for comment.*

An objection, including any attachments, must be filed in writing (regular mail, fax, Email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) with the Reviewing Officer within 45 days of the date of publication of this legal notice (36 CFR 218.7(c)) in the Lewiston Tribune. The Reviewing Officer for this project is Rick Brazell, Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Supervisor. Objections may be submitted to him by mail at: Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest, 903 3rd St., Kamiah, ID 83536; by fax at (208) 935-4275; or by Email at comments-northern-clearwater-powell@fs.fed.us. The acceptable formats for submitting an electronic objection are: MS Word, Word Perfect, or RTF. Please type "Pack II Road Decommissioning Project Objection" in the e-mail subject line. Hand-delivered objections will be accepted at the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Supervisors Office, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All objections will be open to public inspection during the objection process (36 CFR 218.8).
